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Title : REDUCTION OF HAIR GROWTH

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RESPONSE

Applicants are responding to the office action dated February 27, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In one aspect, the invention provides a method (typically a cosmetic method) of reducing unwanted mammalian (preferably human) hair growth, for example, androgen-stimulated hair growth, by applying to the skin an inhibitor of telomerase in an amount effective to reduce hair growth. The unwanted hair growth may be undesirable from a cosmetic standpoint or may result, for example, from a disease or an abnormal condition (e.g., hirsutism). In another aspect, the invention provides a method of reducing unwanted mammalian hair growth by applying to the skin a compound that reduces telomerase levels in hair follicles. In another aspect, the invention provides a method of reducing unwanted mammalian hair growth by applying to the skin a compound that reduces telomerase mRNA expression. In a further aspect, the invention provides a method of reducing unwanted mammalian hair growth by applying to the skin a compound that promotes the erosion of telomeric DNA.--

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